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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SUBSTANTIAL SAUDI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DJIBOUTI

1. AFTER MANY MONTHS OF GESTATION, A SAUDI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TOTALLI-
NG NEARLY U.S. DOLS. 60
MILLION WASK CONCLUDED WITH THEGOVERNMENT OF DJIBOUTI THIS PAST
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WEEK AND ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY ON 2 MAY. THE PROJECTS COVER MANY
CRITICAL AREAS, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION, IMPROVEMENTS
IN PORT AND AIRPORT SERVICES, ROADS, RELIGION, HOUSING, HEALTH AND
SOCIAL SERVICES.

2. FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS. THE DOLLAR
TOTALS HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. THEY WERE OBTAINED

FROM A REPUTABLE DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT SOURCE:

- ELECTRIC TURBINE FOR THE DJIBOUTI ELECTRIC COMPANY.
THIS MACHINE WILL PROBABLY BE PURCHASED FROM FRENCH FIRM THAT
SUPPLIED EXISTING EQUIPMENT. VALUE: 4,000,000
- ADDITIONAL AIRPORT PARKING APRON. AT PRESENT TIME, ONLY ONE
BOEING 747 CAN BE PARKED IN AREA OF AIRPORT TERMINAL. THIS WILL ADD
ONE ADDITIONAL TAXING AND PARKING AREA FOR LARGE AIRCRAFT. VALUE
DOLS. 1,907,500
- CITY FREEZING PLANT. TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL LIVESTOCK
COMMERCIALIZATION. AT PRESENT TIME, MOST MEAT CONSUMED IN DJIBOUTI
CITY IS IMPORTED. VALUE DOLS. 1,700,000
- SATELLITE EARTH STATION. THIS PROJECT WAS DESCRIBED IN EMBTEL
354. VALUE OF PROJECT DOLS. 2,500,000
- LOW COST HOUSING FOR CIVIL SERVANTS. FIRST TRANCHE COSTS
DOLS. 5,000,000
- MICROWAVE SYSTEM TO SUPPORT EARTH STATION, ALSO DESCRIBED
IN EMBTEL 354. COST DOLS. 2,000,000
- FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR TADJOURAH-DJIBOUTI ROAD. DOLS 500,000
- AGRICULTURE. PROJECTS PLANNED FOR DJIBOUTI AREA (AMBOULI)
AND GRAND BARA. MONEY ALLOCATED DOLS 5,000,000
- FEASIBILITY AND DESIGN STUDY FOR WATER BOTTLING PLANT AT TADJOURAH.
COST US DOLS 900,000
- HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION. TO BUILD TWO NEW WINGS AT THE PELTIER
HOSPITAL
IN DJIBOUTI AND FOR DESIGN STUDY FOR HOSPITAL AT OBOCK. COST
DOLS. 6,400,000

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- ORPHANAGE FOR DJIBOUTI, COST DOLS. 500,000
- ARAB LANGUAGE PRINTSHOP. COST DOLS, 1,000,000
- EQUIPMENT FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES (TYPEWRITERS, COPIERS,
ETC.) MONEY ALLOCATED: DOLS. 1,800,000
- EDUCATION-ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMANT, THIS MONEY WILL
BE ADDED TO OVERALL EDUCATION BUDGET (NO TIME-LIMIT SPECIFIED)
AND CAN BE USED FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AS WELL AS CONVERSION
TO ARABIC LANGUAGE CURRICULUM. ALLOCATION DOLS.
14,000,000
- CONSTRUCTION OF MOSQUES. COST DOLS 1,600,000
- BUDGET ASSISTANCE. COST DOLS. 5,000,000
- TOTAL VALUE OF PROJECTS: DOLS 59,807,500

3. BECAUSE OF SAUDI CONCERN RE POSSIBILITIES FOR MALFEASANCE,
A PROJECT MANAGER WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE SAUDI EMBASSY, DJIBOUTI TO
SUPERVISE DISBURSEMENTS.

4. PROJECTS WILL BE DEVELOPED VIA INTERNATIONAL TENDERS. POST WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INSIGHTS FROM AMEMBASSY JIDDA ABOUT SAUDI BUILDING
PRACTICE
SOME AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING
WITH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA AND ELSEWHERE, AND WE WOULD

HOPE THAT SOME OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS WOULD BE ACCORDED TO U.S. FIRMS.

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